

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

The In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program provides services specifically targeted at assisting seniors and persons with disabilities remain safely in their homes and communities. IHSS providers are already reimbursed to transport consumers to and from the doctor so consumers can access necessary services. Assembly Bill 3048 would constitute a departure from the focus of the IHSS program and increase costs for activities other than in-home services for consumers.

Additionally, AB 3048 expands IHSS services regardless of the availability of federal funding to cover program costs. It creates a program funded solely by the state and counties, contrary to the unprecedented federal waiver negotiated by my Administration which secured \$1.7 billion in new federal funding and made IHSS a program funded jointly by the federal, state and county governments.

For these reasons, I am returning AB 3048 without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger